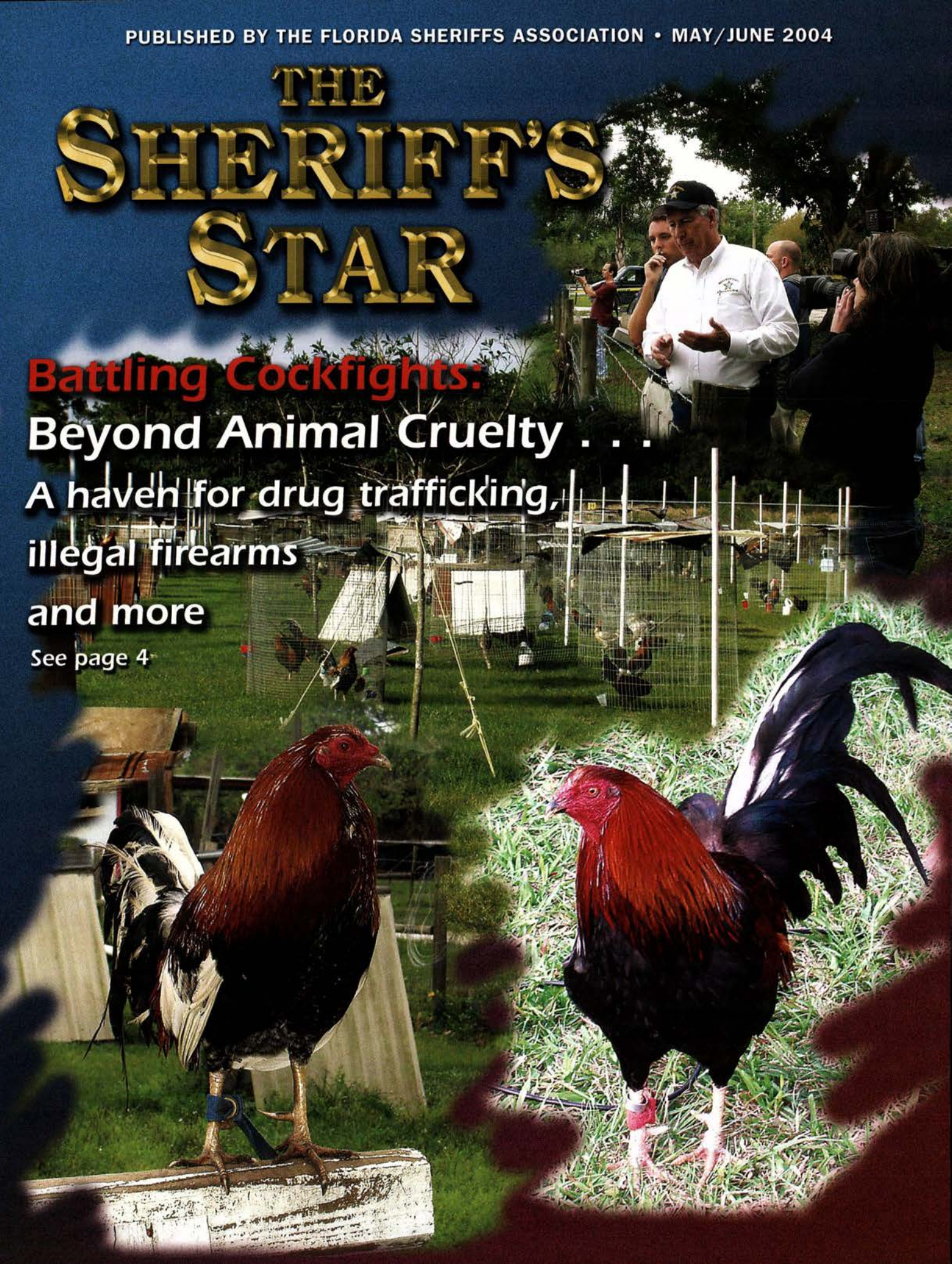


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Gary Perkins, Executive Director
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Having just returned from FSA's Training Conference for the Sheriff's Assistant, it's clear that a hot topic in Sheriffs' Offices around the state is the fall election.

In the majority of SO's, Sheriffs are running for re-election. But in a record number – 12 – retirement of the sitting Sheriff has made it open season for the position of chief law enforcement officer in the county.

Combined with two counties where Sheriffs have been appointed by the Governor this past year, going into the election *alone* is guaranteeing us a lot of new faces among our 67 Sheriffs.

And this doesn't take into consideration that, typically, Florida experiences about a one-third turnover of Sheriffs during election year. It seems we have the potential of seeing significant change in this family circle of ours.

What's behind departure?

I'm often asked if there is a trend behind the number of Sheriffs announcing retirement. After all, many are relatively young – in their 50s – and historically, if they had the backing of voters, Sheriffs have served until the traditional retirement age of 60-plus years.

But looking at the list and hearing the stories of each man's decision not to seek re-election, I can honestly say that there's no "one" reason. At least one has cited health issues and many have said they just think it's time to hand off the baton.

Gadsden County Sheriff W.A. Woodham has been around so long, he won the designation of "Dean of Sheriffs." He started serving in 1971, after being appointed, and has won every subsequent election. Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune served as interim Sheriff in 1984 and has won every election since. Polk County's Sheriff Larry Crow served as Police Chief before his appointment as Sheriff in 1987; he, too, has won every election.

One issue that may be influencing these departures is that many of our retiring Sheriffs were veteran law-enforcement officers prior to election. Criminal Justice statistics show that career law-

enforcement personnel typically retire after 20 to 25 years of service. Thankfully, because of legislation backed by FSA, they aren't penalized anymore. Once vested, they can retire with a comfortable pension.

Committed to training incoming freshman

Here at the Association, a major changing of the guard means we'll be busier than ever.

Although it's not widely known, all new Sheriffs turn to the Florida Sheriffs Association for "Sheriffing 101," what is known as "The Florida Sheriffs Basic Institute."

After election, the newly elected Sheriffs meet in Tallahassee for 40 hours of intensive training – really, everything they need to know in order to run their agencies.

The Institute is always an eye opener for Sheriffs. You could say it's their first indication that the honeymoon (after the election victory) is over.

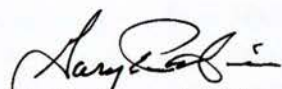
At the Basic Institute, our new freshman class will learn about Human Resource issues, labor law, budgets, audits and ethics. They'll hear about the potential for lawsuits, including lots of war stories, and receive an "assumption of office checklist," a helpful tool that will allow them to hit the ground running.

We'll also give them tips on managing public records and maintaining a relationship with the courts and civil process. In addition, they'll hear about the resources available through FSA, including receiving a significant savings on items such as vehicle purchases and insurance.

Gratefully, seasoned Sheriffs return during the Institute to share their experiences – good and bad – in an effort to make the transition a little less overwhelming for the new ones.

Yes, it's a real wake-up call. But, rest assured, the Florida Sheriffs Association will try to make the learning curve a little less tricky for them.

We're wishing you a happy and safe summer.


Gary Perkins, Executive Director

Technology, Human Skill Help Solve Crime

By: Sgt. Rick Hord
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In the first year of the 20th Century, police in Britain used "brand-new" technology when fingerprints on a billiard ball identified and convicted the thief.

The crime may seem foreign to us, but in 1901, decent billiard balls could only be made of ivory, and ivory was scarce. Trafficking in all manner of stolen ivory was a lucrative criminal enterprise.

We seldom see genuine ivory billiard balls any more, but fingerprints are still putting criminals in jail.

What has technology done for us lately? Here are a few examples:

Recreating the crime. One of the most exciting new fields in science is "Forensic Entomology," or the study of

what the maggots and other creepy little bugs on and near dead bodies can tell us about the demise of their host. A cutting-edge branch of another field, "Forensic Botany" got its start a few years ago by proving a dead woman's last meal came from Wendy's and not McDonald's. That got her boyfriend off the hook and led investigators to her *other* lunch date. The same scientists proved a grieving young mother was a murderer by examining one-cell algae in the water, that had been swallowed by her drowned 15-month-old son. That proved the little boy did not die in the creek where his body was found, which shot holes in the mother's abduction story.

Identifying the culprit. This much is old news: DNA at a crime scene can convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent, if you've got a suspect with whom to make a comparison. The next step will be DNA telling us what an *unknown* suspect looks like.

In Louisiana last year, police thought they were looking for a white male suspect, but a private lab said the suspect's DNA came from a black male. The witnesses were wrong, the lab was right. DNA scientist Tony Frudakis predicts, "A few years from now, we're going to have figured out so many traits that a

criminal might as well leave his driver's license at the scene..."

Getting the bad guy into custody. You don't have to be very old to remember when many cops carried "slap-jacks" in their back pockets. Despite what you may see in the movies, we prefer to make arrests without using force these days. When the suspect won't allow that, we no longer slap him with a chunk of lead sewn into a leather strap.

Pepper spray, electric tasers and beanbag shotgun rounds are three items now available for use. There will be more in the years ahead. There's a market for ways to bring the reluctant and violent into custody without injury, and good-old American ingenuity is producing an endless stream of products.

Disclaimer: Technology will never replace humans. Don't become overly confident, believing that scientists can catch all the crooks. The most effective weapon against crime will always be citizens who aren't afraid to "become involved."

You are absolutely the eyes and ears for law enforcement, and your information, combined with technology and human investigative skills, can help lead to an arrest and – just as vital – a conviction.



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Battling Cockfights: Beyond Animal Cruelty...

A haven for drug trafficking, illegal firearms and more

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In the early morning hours of Friday February 27, Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond led one of the largest animal humanity efforts in the history of the state of Florida. It was also the largest gamecock investigation and seizure the Humane Society of the United States has ever seen.

By day's end, four facilities used to breed and fight gamecocks had been raided. The alleged operators of the facilities were taken into custody, and their operations were halted. Five subjects were arrested on multiple felony charges, ranging from fighting and baiting animals and animal cruelty to possession of cockfighting paraphernalia.

After another few days and countless hours spent by local and U.S. representatives of the Humane Society, 1,800 fighting gamecocks were taken into protective and evidentiary custody.

Driven to protect

The raid was made possible following a 15-month investigation led by Indian River County Sheriff's Deputy Gary Smith of the Ranch and Grove Unit.

As difficult as he knew the assignment would be, Smith was driven by the knowledge that the animals were being raised specifically for illegal gambling and inhumane torture.

The act of fighting gamecocks involves strapping either steel gaffs or razor sharp-knives in a location on the rooster's leg to replace their natural spur and then placing two roosters in a round pit to fight until one of them is killed.

Both of the birds experience extreme pain, injury and eventually death. If one wins and survives, his reward is to be stitched up and when healed is returned to fight again until he is eventually killed as the loser. Many times the owners of these birds brag how the rooster won the fight with the loss of an eye and his intestines dragging on the ground.

In addition to the extreme cruelty involved in the bird fights,

Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond speaks to reporters (above, center) about the investigation that led to the largest gamecock seizure in the history of the U.S. The fowl are used in illegal cockfighting; pumped full of aggression-enhancing drugs and strapped with spurs, they are trained to fight until death.

many of the participants are often involved in trafficking narcotics, child and spouse abuse, other types of animal abuse, tax evasion and illegal gambling, based on the outcome of the fights.

An animal friendly Sheriff and state

Smith also knew he had two resources working in his favor: A Sheriff with a vast background in animal protection efforts and substantial legislation passed in 2003.

Sheriff Raymond has an extensive background in horse, cattle and livestock operations. He served for five years with the Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission as a state Wildlife Officer and for two years was an Animal Cruelty Investigator for the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County.

Sheriff Raymond is also a



The Indian River County Sheriff's Office conducted a 15-month investigation that led to 1,800 birds being rescued. In addition to the extreme cruelty involved in bird fights, participants involved often are found to be spouse and/or child abusers, involved in other types of animal abuse, drug traffickers, tax evaders and involved in illegal gambling.

past member of the Board of Directors of the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County and is a recipient of several Humane Society Animal Protection Awards for his investigations and rescues of abused horses and livestock.

For a number of years, law enforcement and animal humane groups had sought to pass legislation to wipe out the barbaric sport of cockfighting by not only prohibiting the fights, but also the breeding, training and possession of the birds or the equipment used in the contests.

June 24, 2003, was a day of celebration: The Florida Legislature passed State Statute Chapter 828, commonly known as "The Animal Fighting Bill." This law makes it illegal to possess, breed, train or sell these game fowl for the purpose of fighting, regardless of where they might be sold or shipped.

Return on investment

By that time, the Indian River County Sheriff's Office was about six months into the investigation of both dog and

cock fighting in the county. Smith and his team learned that the blood sport involving gamecocks was beginning to increase. While the actual fights remained unorganized, several individuals in the business of raising the fowl purchased property in the county and set up sophisticated commercial breeding operations. The gamecocks raised on the farms were then illegally fought in other areas of Florida or sold and shipped out of state.

While cockfighting has been against the law for a number of years, breeders were protected by merely claiming they were not in the business of fighting, but were raising these birds to be shipped to areas (Louisiana and New Mexico), where fighting is legal.

Armed with the new legislation, the investigators tightened the focus. They utilized aerial and land surveillance, undercover agents and other investigative techniques. Deputy Smith spent long hours dressed in camouflage and laying in the woods. He also worked with out-of-agency law enforcement operatives who posed as gamecock owners and prospective purchasers.

Operation "Birddog," the name of the February raid, involved

approximately 70 officers, including the Sheriff's S.W.A.T. team and Humane Society personnel. The Humane Society of the United States assisted by bringing in personnel from as far away as Washington D.C. and five counties throughout Florida.

Unfortunately, because the rescued birds were bred specifically with cockfighting in mind, all possessed an extremely aggressive temperament and could not be returned to the wild or kept as domestic fowl. Most had come from a long blood line of cock fighting and had been subject to harsh and inhumane training. And because these animals had been injected with aggression-enhancing as well as muscle-building steroids, they weren't a viable food source. The only solution was to have them humanely euthanized.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Deputy Gary Smith, his team and Sheriff Raymond, these and other fowl escaped the certain gruesome, torturous and agonizing deaths they would have faced at the hands of their owners. ♣

Escambia Sheriff's Office Keeping an "Eye" on Crime

By: Rhonda Ray
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Where there is a problem, there is a solution. That's the philosophy of Sheriff Ron McNesby and the Escambia Sheriff's Office Community Relations Division. And it's a philosophy that's worked so far, especially when it comes to combatting street level drug deals in Escambia County.

Faced with mounting citizen concerns regarding drugs in neighborhoods and near schools and parks, the Escambia Sheriff's Office teamed up with local citizens and neighborhood watch groups to develop a solution. The old "cat and mouse" game with street-level drug dealers clearly wasn't working, and it was obvious that a new tactic was needed.

One method that was discussed and probably would have worked was increasing manpower. Yes, we could put an officer on every street corner 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and it would probably have a positive impact. But those of you who know about county budgets are saying, "Yeah, right."

Time to move on to Plan B, which was to station a single officer in several places at once. Sounds far fetched, doesn't it?

Actually, we're not talking about a radical new approach of cloning law-enforcement officers. Instead, we would arrange for one officer to observe several neighborhoods at



Escambia County Sheriff's Office mounted cameras on light poles in high-crime areas to increase their patrol efforts in the county.

the same time from an office with the help of a few strategically placed cameras.

Implementing the Vision

With the help of a Byrne Grant and services provided by Gulf Power, the Sheriff's Office Community Relations Division started working on Project VISION (Video Surveillance In Our Neighborhoods). In April of 2003, the first camera was installed.



Through VISION, one officer can observe several neighborhoods at the same time from an office with the help of a few strategically placed cameras.



In addition to the cameras, the ESO certified 31 deputies for bicycle patrol. Since inception of the bicycle patrol in August of 2003, the bicycle unit alone has netted more than 100 arrests.



Future plans include the installation of two additional cameras this year. As a further deterrent, several "dummy" cameras, similar to those found in department stores, will also be installed.

"It is a weapon that I think has become a very effective tool," says David Mercado of the Westernmark Neighborhood Watch Group. "After the cameras were installed it didn't take long for word to spread, and people who had been dealing on the streets quit hanging around." He says they still come around, "but – like today – almost as soon as they did,

the deputies were right there and they all scattered...except for the one who got caught."

He says the best part about the cameras is that now the deputies have proof of what is going on — it's all on tape.

Beefing up two-wheel street patrols

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cle patrol. Since inception of the bicycle patrol in August of 2003, the bicycle unit alone has netted more than 100 arrests.

"Not only are we making arrests, but we are getting to know some of the citizens," says Sgt. Ted Roy. "We're learning the nuances of the neighborhoods like bike paths, pig trails and hangouts in the woods where a car can't go."

Being on a bicycle allows the

deputies to see and hear things they normally wouldn't observe from a patrol car.

"We know the camera system alone is not the answer," says Sgt. Rick Vinson, "but combined with continued undercover operations, increased patrol...and the presence of our bicycle patrol, we will decrease the crime rate in those areas significantly." ♣

Twisted Crime: 8-Year-Old Calls 9-1-1, Robbery Prevented, Responding Deputies Ambushed...Drug-Dealing Parents Arrested

On the morning of May 5, 2004, Orange County Deputies Dwayne Martin and Jennifer Fulford walked into a hornet's nest. The two were dispatched to a robbery in progress at a home in a quiet neighborhood on the county's west side. An 8-year-old boy had watched helplessly from the family van with two twin sisters while three armed men forced his mother back into the home at gunpoint. The youngster had the presence of mind to call 9-1-1 from his mother's cell phone and report the incident as it was occurring.

What the 8-year-old and Deputies Fulford and Martin didn't know was that the three men had come to the home to steal the nearly 350 pounds of marijuana that was hidden inside. When the two deputies started to enter the garage they were ambushed.

Fulford and Martin were thrown into the tempest of a full-blown firefight. During the gun battle, Deputy Martin was shot once in the shoulder. Deputy Fulford was shot seven times. Three other rounds hit equipment she was carrying. One of the suspects was shot and died at the scene; another was shot and died several days later in a local hospital. The third



Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary presented Deputies Dwayne Martin and Jennifer Fulford with Purple Heart medals and Combat Ribbons for injuries they received during an ambush when they responded to an armed robbery in progress at a west Orange County home, May 5. Photo by Marshall Campbell, OCSO Forensics Squad

gave up and was not injured.

Twenty days after responding to that call for help that nearly cost them their lives, Deputies Fulford and Martin were presented Purple Heart Medals and Combat Ribbons by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary. Following the presentation, the two told an audience of news media that they attributed their survival to the recent combat training they had received. They said their primary concern was to protect the children waiting in the van.

Parents Isola and Clinton Allen were ultimately arrested for trafficking in cannabis. The surviving suspect, Shaun Byrom, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder in connection with the other two men's deaths. While the investigation is still ongoing, it appears as though Byrom and his two associates came to Orlando from Charleston, South Carolina, to steal the marijuana from the Allens. In addition to the cannabis, \$54,000 in cash was recovered from the home. ♣

Traffic Enforcement Not Just Speeding Tickets

By: Sgt. Rick Hord
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Sheriff's Office



Nobody's shy about their opinion on traffic citations.

Citizens urging us to catch the crazy drivers in their neighborhood keep our telephones busy. Just as vociferous are those who believe Deputies should concentrate on "real criminals."

So why do law-enforcement agencies write traffic citations?

It has nothing to do with "quotas" or revenue and everything to do with voluntary compliance.

Generating voluntary compliance is our goal. We want people to drive safely, even when we're not watching. Experience has shown that citations promote voluntary compliance – though warnings often do not.

I was recently surprised to hear a complaint from a citizen who claims he never sees Deputies making traffic stops. The fact is, Sheriff's Deputies make a lot of traffic stops. In Okaloosa County, we logged almost 21,000 during 2002. The figure was 33,018 for the entire county – including those written by municipal and state officers.

Many citizens refer to all traffic citations as "speeding tickets," but the fact is, most aren't. Only about half of those tickets were for speeding offenses.

The balance is made up of a combination of the following – in order of frequency:

- Careless driving
- Seat belt and child restraint violations
- Expired/improper tag or no tag



displayed

- Driving on a suspended/revoked license
- No proof of insurance
- Expired/improper, or fail to display license
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI)
- Running a stop sign
- Failure to yield
- Defective equipment
- Running a red light
- Improper lane change
- Improper backing
- Leaving the scene of an accident
- Violation of driver license restrictions

Consequences

For about 88 percent of the traffic citations, the defendant may pay a fine, attend Driver Improvement School or schedule a hearing in court.

The other 12 percent of the traffic citations written are for criminal violations. What's surprising to many people is that driving with a tag expired for six months or more, or with a driver license expired for four months or more, are both criminal violations. Other criminal violations include racing, reckless driving, fleeing and eluding, driving on a suspended or revoked license, and – of course – DUI.

In the case of DUI, the driver can also count on a night in jail. He or she will not be allowed to bond out of jail until sobering up. When those DUI cases get to court, they almost always result in convictions. The statewide DUI conviction rate was 84.4 percent in 2003. It was even higher in our county – at 93.5 percent. For DUI arrests made by our Sheriff's Office Deputies, it was 95.1 percent.

Where the money goes

What happens to the money from

traffic fines? The answer is not simple.

State law specifies the distribution of every penny of your speeding ticket or other traffic fine.

Suppose you pay the fine for driving 53 miles per hour in a 35 zone. Here's what happens to the \$155 you're fined:

Court costs: \$30, of which \$3 goes to a special trust fund. Ninety-two percent of \$3 goes toward the Florida's Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission Trust Fund. The next 6.3 percent is for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice Grant Program. That leaves 1.7 percent for the Department of Children and Family Services Domestic Violence Trust Fund.

Another \$2 of the court cost portion helps fund local law enforcement training programs, and \$3 funds the Teen Court program.

Of \$30 in court costs, \$1 is set aside for the Child Welfare Training Trust Fund, and \$1 is for the Juvenile Justice Training Trust Fund.

Of the \$125 left after court costs are subtracted, 20.6 percent goes to the state's General Revenue Fund. Another 7.2 percent is designated for the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund, and 5.1 percent gets cycled into the same trust fund with the first \$3 of the court costs (remember, the fund that goes 92 percent for the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission). That's \$25.75, \$9.00 and \$6.37 out of that \$155 ticket.

We're not done yet...8.2 percent is earmarked for the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Trust Fund, 2 percent goes to the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Clerk of Courts – which must handle all the paperwork – gets ½ of 1 percent. There goes another \$10.25, \$2.50, and 62-1/2 cents.

We've now spent \$84.50 of that \$155 fine. The last \$70.50, or 56.4 percent of the fine (after the court costs) is part of the Fine and Forfeiture revenue stream for the city or county in which the violation occurred. If a Deputy or State Trooper stops a speeder within the

city limits, that 56.4 percent of the fine goes to the city, not the county or state.

The Driver Improvement School option does not eliminate the fine, but it does reduce the fine by 18 percent. The \$30 court cost, however, remains unchanged.

The court costs may vary somewhat from one county to another, but the base amount of fines is set by

state law: \$15 for bicycle/pedestrian violations; \$30 for non-moving violations; \$60 for moving violations; \$100 for failing to stop for a school bus, failure to pay a toll, or handicapped parking violations; and a graduated scale of \$25, \$100, \$125, \$150 or \$250 for speeding. Those speeding fines (but not the court costs) are doubled in school zones and construction zones.

Did you get all of that?

Send your crime prevention and personal safety questions to Rick Hord, c/o Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, 1250 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 323579-1234, or via e-mail:

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Volusia School Crossing Guard Named Top in the State

*By Gary Davidson
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They work each and every school day, often in inclement weather and potentially hazardous situations, assisting young children across busy intersections to ensure that their travel to and from school is safe.

And in the last year, no one in the state did it better than Volusia County school crossing guard Elsie Smith. Working her post at Seville Elementary School for more than 32 years, Smith was recently honored for her selection as Florida's top crossing guard of 2003.

"The citizens of Volusia County are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of men and women," said Sheriff Ben Johnson, whose agency oversees Volusia's school crossing guard program. "We're very proud that we have the No. 1 crossing guard in the state."

The most tenured of the Sheriff's Office's active school crossing guards, Smith was caught off guard by the surprise announcement. It came in front of the Volusia County Council, which had just proclaimed Friday, February 6 as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. By order of Gov. Jeb Bush, this is an annual event that is observed across the entire state.

At the county council meeting, Earl Boney with the school crossing guard program for the Florida Department of Transportation, made



Volusia County School Crossing Guard Elsie Smith has worked at the same elementary school post for more than 32 years. She was named by Florida Governor Jeb Bush as the top crossing guard for 2003.

the occasion more special with the announcement of the statewide award. Unaware that she had been selected for the award, Smith was among approximately 20 school crossing guards who had gathered in the county council chambers in DeLand for the reading of the annual proclamation. Then came Boney's announcement.

"Out of all the counties in the state, Volusia County is the home of the school crossing guard of the year," Boney told the assembled group. Smith, who first became a crossing guard in August 1971, was stunned when she was called to the podium to accept the award.

"I'm just a nervous wreck. I had no clue," she said. "All I can say is thank you. I love my job, and I love my kids."

The Sheriff's Office employs approximately 160 crossing guards and seven supervisors. The guards not only cross elementary-school students at busy

intersections, they also help to heighten safety awareness for the motoring public and teach children good pedestrian safety habits. A county committee evaluates requests for new crossing guards and makes recommendations to the county council.

Council members had high praise for Smith and the entire crossing guard program in Volusia County, which has been named best program in the state twice in the past five years.

"The purpose that you all serve is certainly a worthy one, and you all are to be commended," said council member Joie Alexander. "But we are delighted that one of our own is the best in the state."

Added council chair Dwight Lewis: "How do you thank those who protect our children?"

"We're all proud of you. You make Volusia County proud." ✱

A Look Back: Florida's First Sheriff

By: Victor R. Silvestri

On February 19, 1821, the United States Senate gave its approval to the Adams-Onís Treaty wherein Spain ceded the territory known as Florida to the United States.

General Andrew Jackson was appointed the first territorial governor and one of his first concerns was in the area of law enforcement. Accordingly, on July 21, 1821, he issued what has come to be known as "Jackson's Ordinance," which provided that a Sheriff and clerk would be appointed for the courts of the territory's first two counties: Escambia (Pensacola) and St. Johns (St. Augustine).

Among the duties assigned to the office of Sheriff, in addition to law enforcement, were the responsibility for maintaining a jail and assessing and collecting taxes.

In the beginning, these two Florida counties were known as West Florida and East Florida. They divided the territory in half – roughly based on population – the peninsula having few people, save for the immediate Gulf Coast area.

Jackson appointed a Sheriff for each: William M. Loftin was named as the first Sheriff of West Florida and James R. Hanham was selected for East Florida. It appears that Sheriff Loftin was appointed first.

Only limited information is known about his East Florida counterpart, Sheriff Hanham. He served for a little over two years and then resigned because there were no funds available to operate his office. He didn't have a jail to house his prisoners and he was facing four lawsuits for failure to feed them.

By August 1823, Hanham's des-

perate economic straits forced him to seek help from the United States District Marshal, but assistance never came. He eventually went broke and then went missing. As a result, East Florida operated without a Sheriff for a long stretch of time.

West Florida was more fortunate. Sheriff Loftin had made his headquarters in the part of the county where he lived. His family had first settled on North Bay in the Southport area near Oyster Point. He operated a ferry on East St. Andrews Bay in the general region of today's DuPont bridge. Legends have it that Jackson appointed Loftin as Sheriff as a reward for helping his army to cross the river there during the War of 1812 – although this has not been confirmed.

When William P. Duval became governor of the territory, he announced his slate of officers. At the top of the list was William Loftin as judge of the county and Mortimer Bright as Sheriff. But Loftin decided that he would rather remain Sheriff, and did so until 1827 – despite his residence being in what had become Washington County, created in 1825.

This upset the political apple cart and there was at least one lawsuit filed seeking to replace Loftin with another appointee. However, Territorial Judge H.M. Brackenridge ruled in favor of Loftin.

Documents show that Sheriff Loftin was a busy and successful man. In 1824, he was appointed by the Legislature to take the census of Jackson County. Loftin's appointment as "Surveyor and Inspector of the Revenue for the Port of St. Andrews," was signed by then-President Andrew Jackson in 1830 and 1834, and in 1838 by President Martin van Buren. His second home

was built on St. Andrews Bay about 1830, within the limits of the old town of St. Andrews, near Governor Clark's home. He later moved to the Parker area, while helping to promote a city on East Bay which he named Austerlitz.

Tracing descendants of Florida's first Sheriff

Retired Bay County Sheriff Charlie Abbott, great-great grandson of William Loftin, says Loftin had envisioned the establishment of the Florida state capital in this new city, which – as we know – never manifested itself.

Abbott shared a history of Loftin, written by G.M. West, which mentions a Captain Loftin and a Colonel Loftin as a "prominent character" at St. Andrews Bay. West wrote that Loftin had come from North Carolina, where he had been a surveyor and a planter. He also stated that Loftin had served in the War of 1812.

As verification, a William M. Loftin appears on a list of "Enlisted Men Prior to the Peace Establishment on May 17, 1815."

In a different genealogy, W.M. Creasy wrote that William Loftin was born May 11, 1785, married Theresa West on Nov. 6, 1806, had four sons: Henry, Charles, John and William; and three daughters – no names available. It was also probable that Sheriff Loftin married a second time, but due to the loss of county records, this cannot be verified. The belief is that his second wife was the Catherine B. Loftin who purchased 80 acres of government land in July of 1838 – the year William Loftin died at age 53.

He left no will.

A notice published in the *St. Joseph Times* on February 1, 1839, states that Loftin's son-in-law, Charles T. Porter, was appointed administrator of the estate. An Eliza Loftin is listed as next of kin, purportedly his daughter.

In the 1830 Census of Jackson



At age 92, Charlie Abbott (right), is considered to be Florida's "oldest living Sheriff." Pictured with former Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (now Commissioner of FDLE), Abbott is the great-great-grandson of William Loftin, believed to be Florida's First Sheriff.

County, William M. Loftin, born between 1780 and 1790, was listed with no wife, two sons younger than 10 years old, two daughters in their late teens and two sons in their early manhood. Abbot says that the daughters were Eliza, who married Charles T. Porter, and Ann, who married Peter Parker (note the name: city of Parker, Bay County, Florida).

Less known about sons

So what happened to the four boys and their descendents? Part of the answer may come from the obituary of Ethel Mae Howell Loftin, published only 12 years ago.

Ethel Loftin died on January 13, 1992, in Birmingham, Alabama. She was born on April 16, 1902 in Scooba, Kemper County, MS. Her parents were John Forrest Howell and Winfred McCaleb. She married Edward Raymond Loftin in 1927 in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida.

Edward may have been one of the Loftin male descendents, as the family genealogy has been traced to origins in North Carolina and then Dale County, Alabama, and then to the Panama City

region of Florida.

Edward Raymond Loftin was born on April 20, 1901, one of nine children of Thomas Willard Loftin and Viola Marshal; one of his siblings was named William Green.

Edward and Ethel moved to Defuniak Springs, which is in Walton County, Florida. They had two children: Mae Frances and Betty Lou. Both became nuns of the Roman Catholic Church in the order of the Daughters of Charity, a nursing order. Their community names are Sister Mary Frances Loftin and Sister Elizabeth Loftin.

Sister Elizabeth is deceased, but her date of death is not known. Sister Mary Frances was born on March 25, 1928, in Atlanta, GA, and is now retired and living at the Sisters' Mother House in Birmingham, AL.

Edward Raymond Loftin died in 1966 and is buried in Defuniak Springs. With the scarcity of Loftins in the region, it's suspected that he is a descendant of William M. Loftin.

The only other known surviving descendent in the area is Charles H. Abbott, mentioned previously.

Abbott was born in Pensacola in 1910. He served in the U.S. Navy in WWII and has lived in Bay County since 1937. He was appointed to the

office of Sheriff in 1961, has worked as a district manager of Gulf Power Company and was owner of Abbott Refrigeration.

In addition to serving as Sheriff, he was the Director of the Law Enforcement Assistance Center for 16 years. He was an outstanding athlete and a professional baseball player, once playing against Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig with the Boston Red Sox in 1930.

In the year 2003, Abbott was living in Lynn Haven, Bay County, Florida.

I have found no other descendents of Florida's first Sheriff.

This is an excerpt from "Encyclopedia of Florida Sheriffs and Their Families: 1821-2003 - a Genealogical Excursion Into Florida Law Enforcement."

Contact the author, Victor R. Silvestri, by writing to him: 561 Tall Oaks Road, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435-8972, or calling: 850-892-6962. ♣

Prepare for Hurricane Season

We're barely into the hurricane season (official start is June 1) and storms have already been swirling around us.

There's no better time than now to put together your disaster plan.

The state of Florida offers a very helpful guide to disaster planning online. Find it at: http://www.floridadisaster.org/family_plan.htm.

At minimum, you should have a Disaster Supply Kit. If you're not sure what's needed, check the web: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/supplykit.htm>.

Or, you may want to consult your local Red Cross chapter for helpful brochures and tips on planning.

Floridians are vulnerable to hurricanes at least through November 30 - so be prepared!



Polk County Boot Camp:

10 Years of Changing Lives

The Polk County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Boot Camp celebrated its 10-year anniversary this past February.

A joint partnership between the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the Board of County Commissioners, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, the Polk County School Board and the citizens of Polk County, the boot camp has expanded its educational, psychological and vocational programs over the years.

The boot camp site opened with two 20-bed wings with an attached center control room, a classroom training building and obstacle course. Two additional 20-bed wings, an additional classroom, a general purpose hall, an aftercare office and a transition housing dormitory have been added since the original facility was introduced.

The camp's inmates include boys and girls, ages 14 to 18, who have been adjudicated guilty of crime by a judge. The program places an emphasis on the safety of

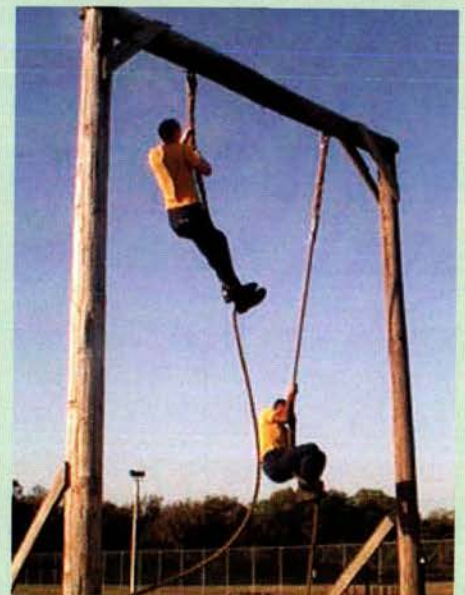


Polk County citizens by removing juvenile offenders from the general population and incarcerating them.

The curriculum component factors include rigorous military-style physical training with educational instruction, vocational training and psychological counseling. The boot camp experience lasts a total of 12 months – six months in boot camp followed by three months of on-site transition and three months of closely monitored aftercare.

Aftercare includes psychological assistance and a focus on providing community-based options, solutions and supervision. The community solutions include a mentoring program with the assistance of private service organizations, job training skills and employment when appropriate.

While boot camps for juveniles were controversial when first introduced, Polk County Sheriff



Larry Crow's commitment to his boot camp, and his willingness to support expansion, prove they are a viable tool for helping to curb juvenile crime. ❁

Pinellas K-9 Considered "Best"

Five K-9 Teams from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office traveled to Tallahassee during the week of March 20 through March 24, 2004 to participate in the U.S. Police Canine Association (USPCA) Region I Spring Field Trials. Three of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams qualified for the USPCA National Field Trials that will be held later this year. All the handlers who competed certified as USPCA Police Dog I. Corporal Robert Livernois and his K-9, Titan, were named "best overall" after competing against 48 K-9 teams from Florida and Georgia.

"This certification is important because it demonstrates that the teams perform at a higher level than state regulations governing K-9 units require," Patrol Operations Bureau Commander Major Dennis Fowler explained.

Sergeant Timothy Pupke said the competition serves a legitimate purpose. "Going to competitions like the one in Tallahassee is good for the unit. It gives the handlers an opportunity to see where they stand in comparison to other handlers from across the country.



Pictured at center, Pinellas County Sheriff's Corporal Bob Livernois and his K-9 Titan (front center) were named "best overall" in a competition involving 48 teams from Florida and Georgia. All other PCSO teams who participated also qualified for U.S. Police Canine Association's National Field Trials, scheduled for later this year. Handlers and their K-9s pictured from left: Jeff Vickers/K-9 Echo, Frank Campbell/K-9 Dino (Livernois and Titan), Robert Cahoon/K-9 Nitro and Nick Baez/K-9 Tonka.

All 11 of our K-9 teams are good enough to compete at that level but we needed to leave some teams in the county for coverage."

The PCSO's K-9 unit is one of the agency's busiest. According to records,

last year K-9 teams went into service 1,500 times and made 192 arrests. They searched 173 buildings and tracked 301 people.

Congratulations to the K-9 handlers and their four-legged partners. ✿

No-frills Pickup Grants Crime Scene Unit Accessibility

By Mark Weinberg
Public Information Officer
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office



Crime scene investigators have a tough job, anyway...combing patiently through the grounds or other scene of a crime; collecting evidence; brushing for fingerprints and carefully cataloguing every available clue. They shouldn't have to worry about getting bogged down with transportation issues. St. Lucie County recently acquired a four-wheel-drive truck to make the going a little easier.

retired the van, it had more than 103,000 miles of wear.

When the Sheriff's Office acquired the basic pickup truck, deputies and mechanics from the Sheriff's Office vehicle maintenance unit customized it with a fiberglass topper with tool bins on each side, an extendable bed tray to hold more equipment and modified steel cabinets taken from the old Astro Van.

The result was a working vehicle able to go virtually anywhere in the

county, including wooded areas and other off-road locations. Another result was easier access to crime-scene equipment than the van. That's because investigators can open the fiberglass topper's doors to retrieve equipment, and the slide-out bed tray makes it easy to get to even more equipment.

"The crime scene truck is nothing fancy," said Sheriff Mascara, "but it does the job better than the old Astro Van, and it can literally go anywhere."



New Sheriff Appointed in Lake County

Florida Governor Jeb Bush announced the appointment of Fred A. Cobb to serve as Sheriff of Lake County. Cobb will fill the vacancy created by the suspension of George Knupp.

Now 57, Cobb had served as Chief Deputy Sheriff with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office since 1997 and has more than 33 years of criminal justice experience. He served in the United States Marine Corps and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He has also worked for the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations, where he served as both a civilian and military special agent. Cobb was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in 1968 and from the Air Force in 1988.

Cobb holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public administration from Troy State University. He is also a graduate of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Chief Executive Seminar as well as the Florida Regional FBI Law Enforcement Executive Seminar.

Fred Cobb has agreed to serve the remainder of Knupp's term, ending January 3, 2005.

LAKE COUNTY

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Sheriff Fred A.M. Cobb (R)

<http://www.lcso.org>

Born Charlotte, NC, February 5, 1947 *Education* Masters of Public Administration and Bachelor of Science, Troy State University (Florida region); Associate Degree in Police Science, Community College of the Air Force; Graduate, FDLE Chief Executive Seminar and Florida Region FBI Law Enforcement Executive Seminar; completed more than 1,500 hours of law enforcement training *Wife* Lorie *Children* Two *Church* Protestant *Career* Military Police, U.S. Marine Corps, honorably discharged 1968; served two city police agencies, reaching sergeant, before returning to active military duty with U.S. Air Force; served as Special Agent with Air Force Office of Special Investigations, holding supervisory positions in U.S. and overseas; retired from Air Force, 1988; District Intake Counselor for the state; Pretrial Services Coordinator, Okaloosa County; Reserve Lieutenant, Fort Walton Beach Police Department; Adjunct College Instructor; Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy, beginning 1997; appointed Sheriff, Lake County, 2004. *Honors and Affiliations* Meritorious Service Medal; three Air Force commendation medals;



numerous military unit citations and awards; member, National Sheriff's Association, Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Association and FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. ✻

Miami-Dade Gets New Director/Sheriff

The Miami-Dade County Police Department named its first black director in the agency's history, a 28-year veteran of the force who says he is committed to improving relations with the community.

On April 1, Assistant Director Robert L. Parker replaced outgoing Director Carlos Alvarez, who retired to run for county mayor. The Board of County Commissioners subsequently approved Parker's appointment.

Miami-Dade County is the only county in the state where the Sheriff (called "Director") is an appointed position. The agency is called the Miami-Dade County Police Department.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Miami

**Director, Miami-Dade
Police Department
Robert L. Parker**

*(Party affiliation not shown because
Director Parker is an appointed
rather than an elected, official)
www.mdpc.com*



Born Monticello, FL, July 21, 1953 *Education* Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Barry University, pursuing Master's Degree from the University of Miami; graduate of the FBI National Academy *Spouse* Veronica Buie *Children* Three *Church* Christian *Career* 27-year veteran of the Miami-Dade Police Department. Past assignments include: Division Chief of the North Operations Division and the Special Investigations Division; Major in charge of a district command, Police Bureau Commander in charge of the Economic Crimes and Strategic Investigations Bureaus; also worked in a variety of other investigative and uniformed police assignments as a Lieutenant, Master Sergeant, Sergeant, Corporal and Officer; appointed Assistant Director of Police Services, 2002. *Military* U.S. Army *Honors and Affiliations* Numerous commendations and awards for service and dedication to the community and the Miami-Dade Police Department; member, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, FBI National Academy, Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police, 5000 Role Models and the Spirit of Christ Ministries, Inc. ✻

Former Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander Appointed County Commissioner

Florida Governor Jeb Bush announced the appointment of Thomas A. Mylander to the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners.



Mylander will fill the vacancy created by the death of Commissioner Betty Whitehouse. He has agreed to serve the remainder of Commissioner Whitehouse's term as a caretaker until November 15, 2004.

Mylander, 61, is a former sheriff of Hernando County. He was first elected in 1984 and served for four successive terms until his retirement in 2001.

He also served as a U.S. Marine and was honorably discharged in 1966.

He is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Mylander resides in Brooksville with his wife, Sandy, and where

Motorcycle Officer Dies

The funeral for Escambia County Sheriff's Lt. George Hura was held Friday, May 7, 2004.

During a training exercise days prior, Lt. Hura, at the age of 56, collapsed of a heart attack and later died despite fervent efforts by his fellow officers to save him.

Hura preferred to "lead from the saddle," as he liked to say, and on any given day could be seen riding a Harley-Davidson with the officers whom he supervised. In addition to protecting local citizens for 26 years through the Escambia County Sheriffs office, Hura did his part to protect the country, enlisting in the Marine Corps at an



early age and serving in the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his wife, Mona, his three children and four step-children, plus a devoted English Bulldog named Chesty.

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, we misidentified Florida Rep. Tom Anderson (R-Holiday) in the March/April edition of *The Sheriff's Star*. He's pictured here with his wife, Alice, and Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (right).



Longtime FSA supporter, Sgt. Roger A. Getford (left) died April 3, 2004. He started his law-enforcement career in 1956, eventually retiring as a Sheriff's Deputy with the Leon County Sheriff's Office in 1994. He's pictured above with Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger, accepting recognition for recruiting a record number of members for the Florida Sheriffs Association.

FSA, Youth Ranch Lose Long-time Supporter

The Florida Sheriffs Association is mourning the death of Roger A. Getford, Jr., who passed away April 3, 2004, at the age of 69.

Getford was a long-time member and supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

A veteran law-enforcement officer, Getford started his career in 1956 with the Florida Highway Patrol. He served with Capitol Security in Tallahassee and spent 10 years with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, retiring in 1994. He also served 31 years in the Florida Army National Guard.

After relocating to Lake County, where his family had been in the citrus business, Getford busied himself as a volunteer and part-time employee with the Lake County Sheriff's Office and fundraising for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and FSA.

In 2001, the Florida Sheriffs recognized Getford for recruiting a record 103 members.

The staff of FSA best remembers Getford for his visits to Tallahassee, bringing fresh oranges, grapefruits and tangerines. He was always full of cheer and will be missed by all, including his wife, Cynthia, of Altoona, his children and family. ♣

FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES

HONOR ROLL



PINELLAS COUNTY – Presented by Pinellas County Chief Deputy Jim Coats (left) and FSyr Development Relations Officer Don Meek (right) to Harold Braun.



On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$2,500 or more in cash or \$5,000 or more in non-cash gifts to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and lifetime subscriptions to *The Sheriff's Star* and *The Rancher*. Those whose gifts total over \$5,000 receive additional gold stars on their plaques – one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

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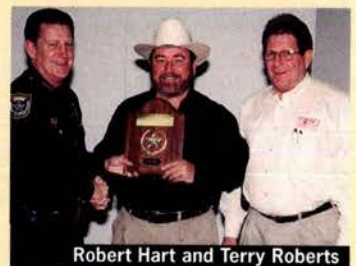
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Charles Stalling



Walter Deacock



Robert Hart and Terry Roberts

VOLUSIA COUNTY – Presented by Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson to Walter Deacock, Charles Stalling and Robert Hart and Terry Roberts, representing HLC Management.



Joe and Jaime Sprague



Steve and Georgette Bryant

SUWANNEE COUNTY – Presented by Jim Earle (left), Boy's Ranch Program Director and Bill Frye (right), FSyr Vice President of Programs, to Joe and Jaime Sprague and Steve and Georgette Bryant, all of whom work at the Boy's Ranch.



SUWANNEE COUNTY – Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean to Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams and his wife, Diane, for personal giving.



MADISON COUNTY – Presented by FSyr Chairman, Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams, to Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher for personal giving by him and his wife Gerri.



HIGHLANDS COUNTY – Presented by FSyr Chairman, Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams to Highlands County Sheriff Howard Godwin for personal support by him and his wife, Patti.



MARION COUNTY – Presented by FSyr Chairman, Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams, to Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean for personal giving by him and his wife, Sarah.



Emory Davis

ALACHUA COUNTY – Presented by Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich to Emory Davis (H. Emory Davis Insurance Agency), Director Mike Halabi, on behalf of Shands Hospital at UF; and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Braswell.



Mike Halabi



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Braswell



Mr. & Mrs. Derek T. Evans



William Bedford Green, Sr.



John L. Alvarez



Mr. & Mrs. Victor E. Gambone

MARION COUNTY – Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Derek T. Evans, William Bedford Green, Sr., John L. Alvarez, Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Gambone, Drexall Collins (representing Kiwanis Club of Silver Springs Shores), Villie Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Everitt C. Harriss, Jr.



Drexall Collins



Villie Smith



Mr. & Mrs. Everitt C. Harriss, Jr.



BROWARD COUNTY – Presented by FSYP staff to Kenneth Prokop.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

HONOR ROLL



This honor roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to progressive law enforcement by supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association as honorary members for 25 years or more. Many progressive business leaders are supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association and its anti-crime activities by enrolling as Business Members of the Association and becoming "partners against crime." The Florida Sheriffs recognizes those businesses that are making a difference in their communities. Gold members commit \$500 annually, Silver members \$250 and Bronze members \$50 annually.



LEE COUNTY – Gold Business Member award presented by Lee County Sheriff Rodney Shoap to Barbara and Bob Watt, Century 21 Sunbelt Realty.



PALM BEACH COUNTY – Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Ed Beiluch to Chester Bricker.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry to Mrs. and Mr. Robert Hurner.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY – Special Recognition certificate presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry to (from left) Detective Roger Miller, Suzanna Vetter, Donna Cornish, Samantha Cornish and Phillip Cornish for providing food, shelter and transportation during a case involving horse seizures.



SUMTER COUNTY – 25-year certificate presented by Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer, Jr. to Edwin F. Apps, Jr.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY – Special Recognition certificate presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry to Patricia DeFazio, Nicole DeFazio and Candice Newton. Nicole and Candice found a hooded sweatshirt, bandana and hand written note that resembled a bank robbery note. The girls told Nicole's mother, Patricia, and she contacted Crime Prevention through the Neighborhood Watch email system. The investigation revealed these items were used in a Compass Bank Robbery in Ponte Vedra Beach. The quick thinking of both girls and the mother greatly contributed to the investigation and quick resolution of this case.





Thomas Jerry Sikes



Crystal and Andrea Lawrence



Laura Cannon

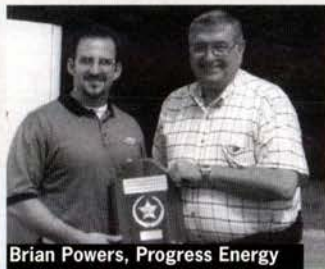


Betty Africano

SUWANNEE COUNTY – Presented by Suwannee County Sheriff Al Williams to Thomas Jerry Sikes, Crystal and Andrea Lawrence, Laura Cannon (former FSyr employee), Betty Africano, Peter N. Luker, Brian Powers (representing Progress Energy), Judy Maxwell, Jim and Nancy Bessey, Jean Thomasson, James Hatton and Grace Hill.



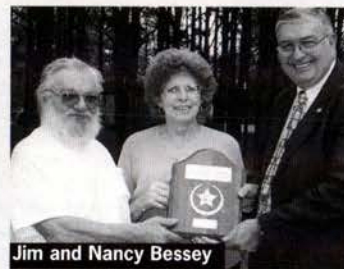
Peter N. Luker



Brian Powers, Progress Energy



Judy Maxwell



Jim and Nancy Bessey



Jean Thomasson



James Hatton



Grace Hill



ST. LUCIE COUNTY – Presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara to James F. Roy.



Deputy Sheriff James Jackson
Deputy Sheriff Tracy Slayman



Deputy Sheriff Lyman Hall (left)
Sgt. Glen Cardwell (center)

ST. JOHNS COUNTY – Presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry to Deputy Sheriffs James Jackson, Tracy Slayman, Lyman Hall and Sgt. Glen Cardwell.



SUWANNEE COUNTY – Presented by FSyr President Roger Bouchard to John Wiles and Mark Lenko representing Semper Tech, Inc.



LEVY COUNTY – Presented by FSyr President Roger Bouchard (right) and Mike Brannan (left), Director of the FSyr Caruth Camp, to FSyr Program Leader Joe Spoto for personal contributions.



SUWANNEE COUNTY – Presented by FSyr President Roger Bouchard (right) and FSyr Vice President of Development Bob James (left) to FSyr Development Relations Officer Don Meek for personal contributions.



Sgt. Desiree Centalanza



Lt. Scott Conrad

CLAY COUNTY – Presented by Clay County Sheriff's Maj. Joe Hutcheson (left) and FSyr Development Officer David Kritzmacher to Sgt. Desiree Centalanza and Lt. Scott Conrad.



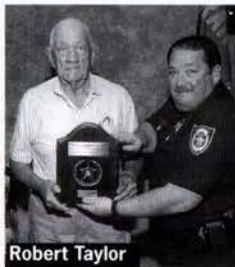
LEON COUNTY – Presented by Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell to Len Taliaferro on behalf of Sprint.



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Deputy Robert F. Lindsey
Mr. Duane Lippincott
Miss Jane M. Loewenthal
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Loyal Order of Moose District 7
Loyal Order of Moose District 15
Loyal Order of Moose District 17
Loyal Order of Moose District 27
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Mr. Dan L. Wiggins
Mr. Chester A. Wingate
Dr. Karen Wolstein
Mr. Ronald P. Zim
Mr. Lloyd D. Zube



Robert Taylor

ORANGE COUNTY -
Presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary (right) to Orange County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Officer Sandy Phillips and Robert Taylor.



Sandy Phillips



GADSDEN COUNTY - Presented by Gadsden County Major Ed Spooner to Margaret Adams.



Charl

OKALOOSA COUNTY - Presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Charlie Morris (right) to Jerry Murdock.



Mr. and Mrs. William Teich, Sr.



Herbert Rupp

MARTIN COUNTY - Presented by Martin County Sheriff Robert Crowder (right) to Mr. and Mrs. William Teich, Sr. and Herbert Rupp.

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MEN'S TWO-TONE BAND
Face No. 2

Style # 4202
WOMEN'S TWO-TONE BAND
Face No. 2

NOTE: These water resistant, ETA Swiss quartz analog timepieces featuring a beautifully engraved "Sheriff's Star" in an all gold dress medallion, or a multi-colored sports style are available in both all gold or gold/steel two-tone as depicted. Also displayed are the patriotic Flag watches. These are available in three background faces: Face 1 - Gold; Face 2 - Silver and Face 3 - Black. All watches carry a 6-year limited warranty from the date of purchase against failures due to defective materials or workmanship. Gold or two-tone bands can be purchased with either of the four available faces. Style 4500 denotes men's gold band; 4502 denotes men's two-tone band. Style 4200 and 4202 are the women's gold and two-tone respectively.

Style # 4500
MEN'S GOLD BAND
Face No. 1

Style # 4200
WOMEN'S GOLD BAND
Face No. 1

Style # Flag
MEN'S GOLD BAND
Face No. 1

NOT SHOWN
Style # Flag BLACK
Face No. 3

Style # Flag
WOMEN'S TWO-TONE BAND
Face No. 2

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Public safety is a concern to all citizens, and one way you can support public safety in your community is to show your pride in local law enforcement. To help you demonstrate your pride in crime-fighting efforts, the Florida Sheriffs Association has designed several items displaying the Sheriff's Star logo, and made them available to the general public. These quality items make great gifts too. Just fill in the order form and return it with your payment.

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GOLF SHIRTS
green or white with
multi-colored embroidered logo



BELT BUCKLE 3 1/4 x 2 1/2" solid brass



CAPS - WHITE OR GREEN
with multi-colored embroidery including
metallic gold thread, adjustable band



Honorary Member Lapel Pin
7/8" die cast metal with
5 color enameled finish



11oz. COFFEE MUGS
white color, with multi colored logo and
green bands listing all 67 counties